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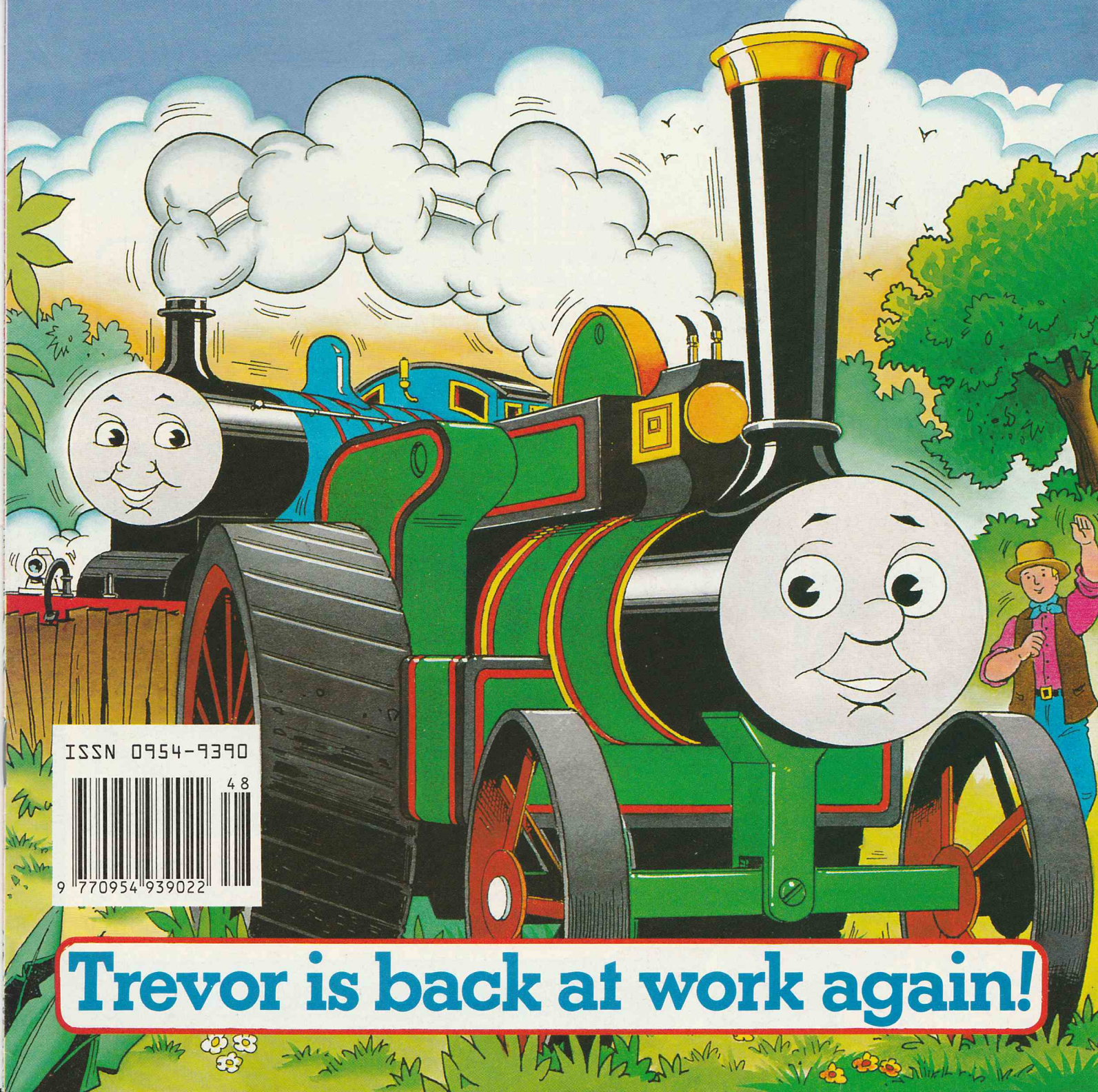

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Trevor is back at work again!

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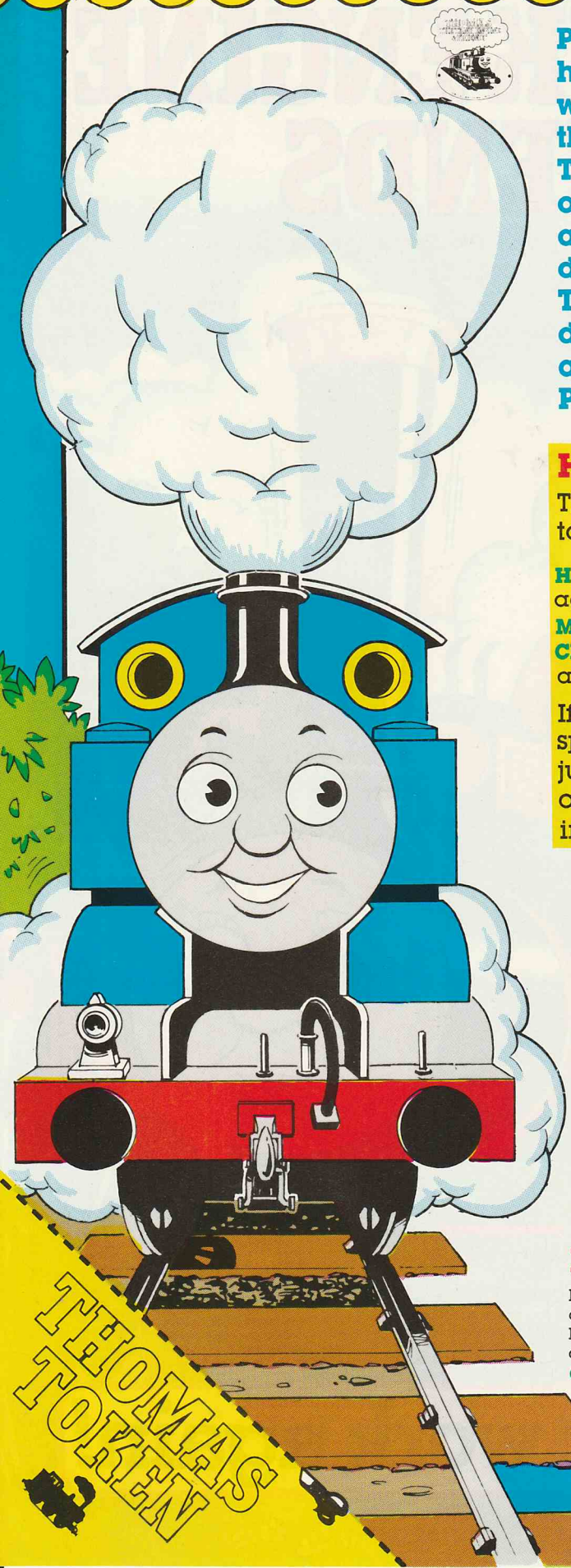

Peep! Peep! Trevor the Traction Engine is very happy living in the Vicarage Orchard. He was once almost sent to be scrapped, until the vicar had offered him a new home! Trevor's driver, Jem, regularly takes Trevor out for a run and ensures that his parts are always well oiled and finely tuned. But one day, a strange banging sound came from Trevor's engine! Trevor was scared – he didn't want to be sent away to the scrap yard again! The story begins on the next page! Peep! Peep!

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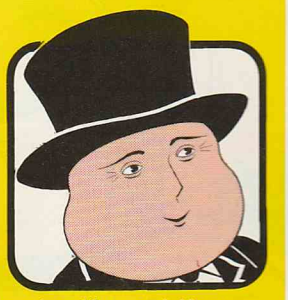

Holly Mawer, aged 4, **Thomas Mawar**, aged 1, **Andrew Joslyn (29253)**, aged 3, **Matthew Green (32373)**, **Stuart Chubbock (0684)** and **Daniel Tupling**, aged 3.

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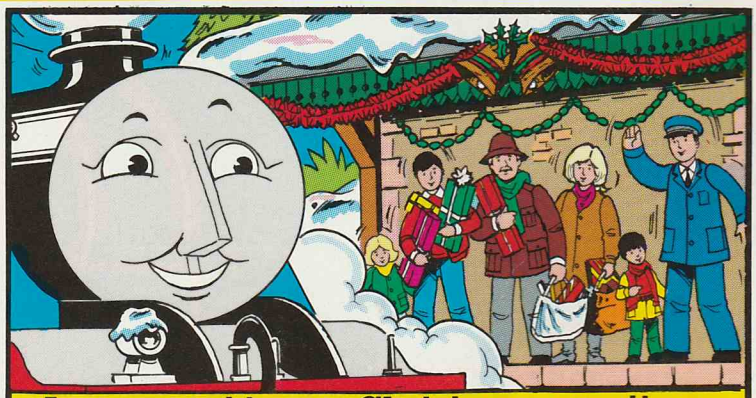

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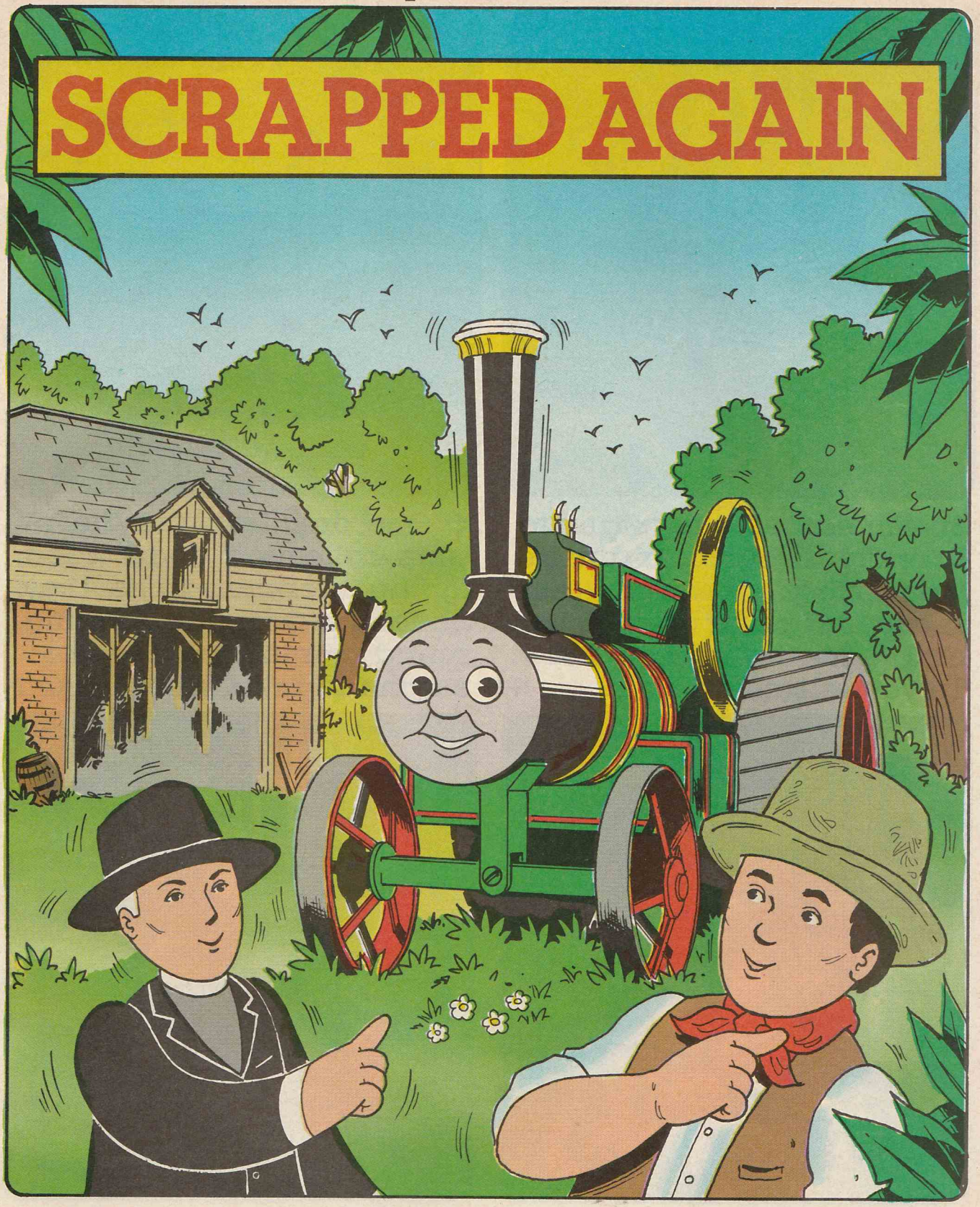
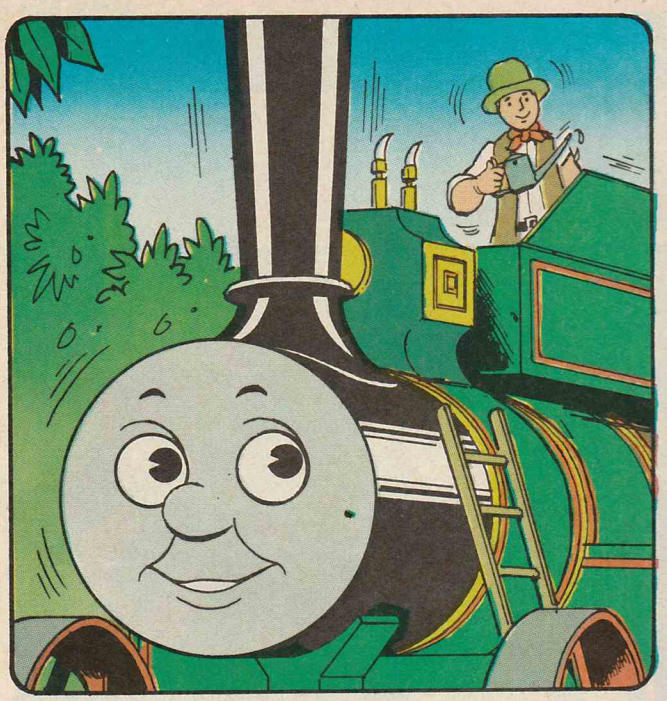
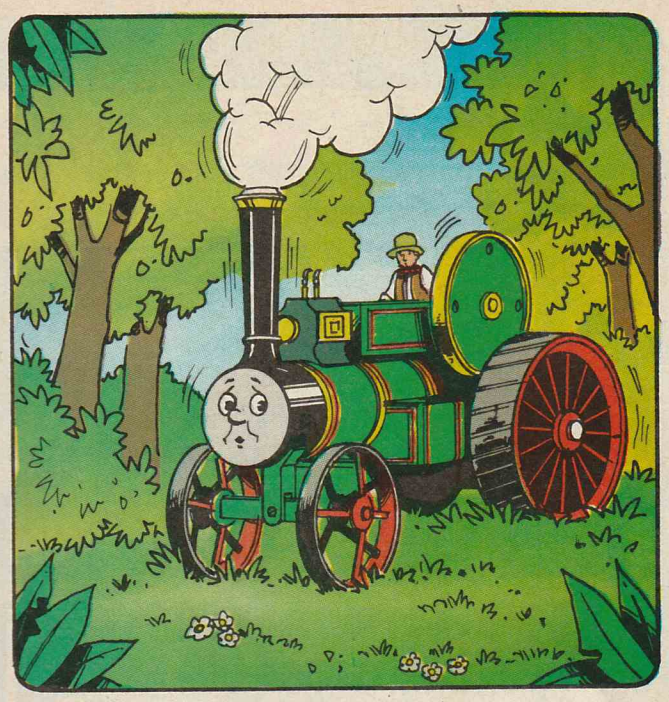


1. Trevor the Traction Engine is very happy living in the Village Orchard. But he often remembers how very frightened he was when he was in the scrap yard.

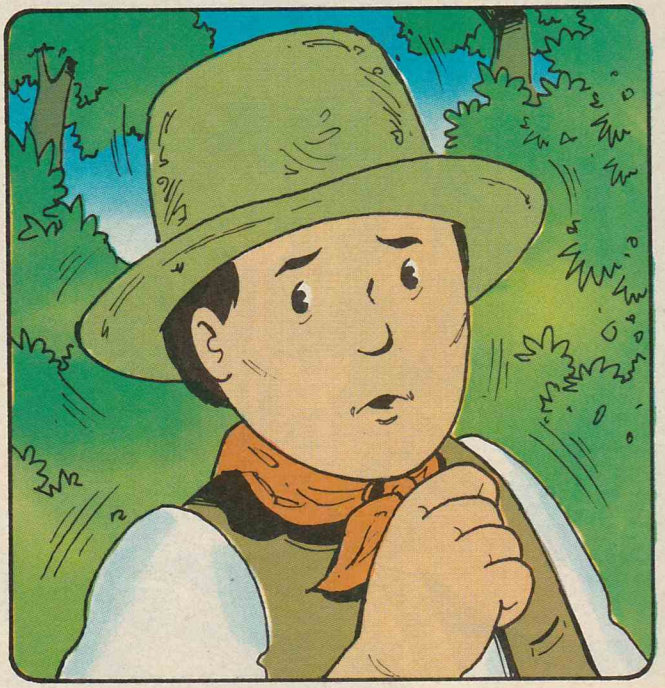
2. Traction engines are rare on the Island of Sodor. All Trevor's friends were steam engines, just like Edward. Trevor's driver, Jem, was very proud of Trevor.



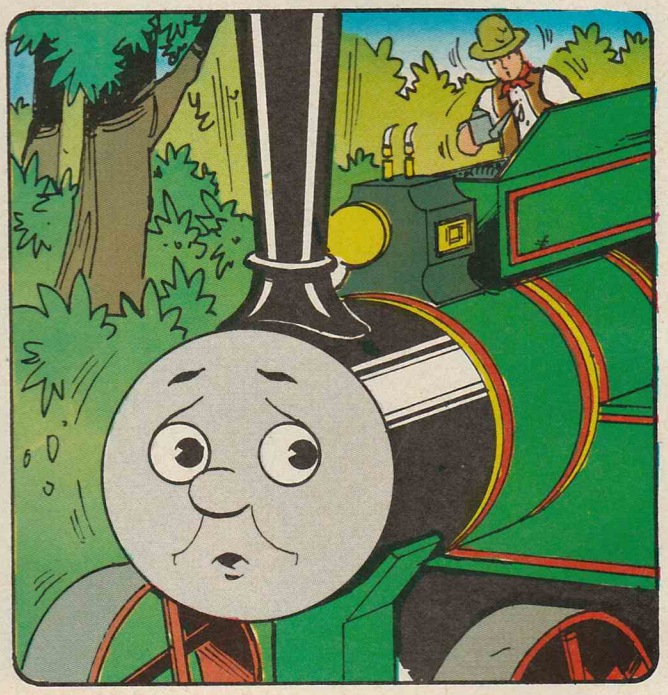
3. Jem came by regularly to take Trevor out for a run. He would look after him and service his parts, taking special care to always keep Trevor well oiled.



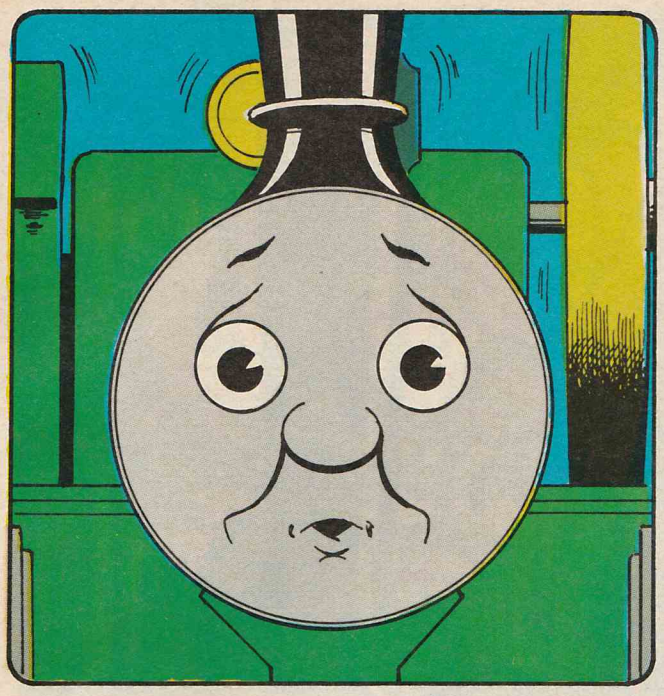
4. One day Jem and Trevor were collecting dead wood in the orchard, when they noticed a peculiar banging sound coming from Trevor's engine. **Clank! Clank!**



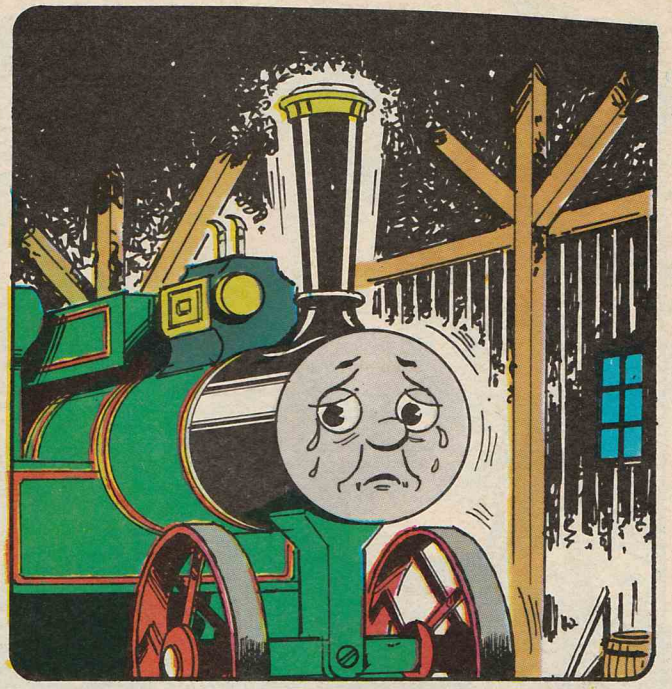
5. "Oh dear," sighed Jem. "That doesn't sound very healthy, Trevor. We'll have to look into that." He took Trevor back to his shed to work on him. **Clank! Clank!**



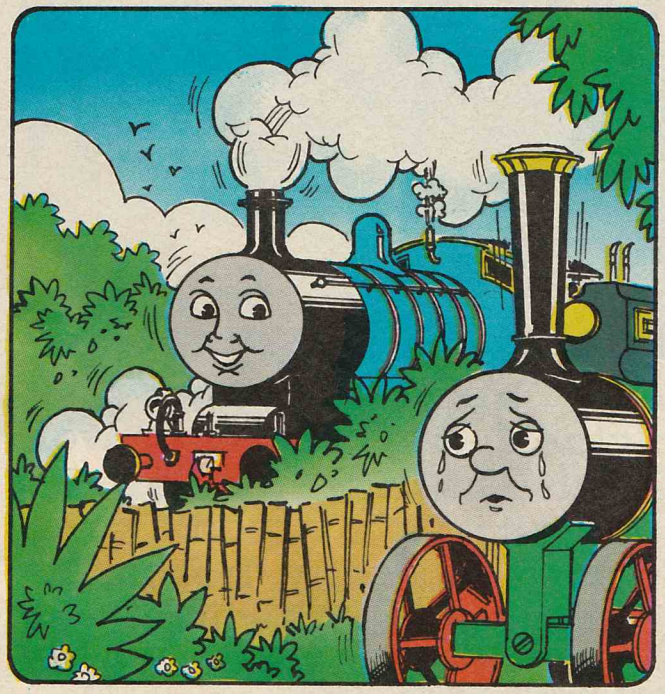
6. Jem opened up Trevor's engine cover. He checked his gears and he checked his valves. He oiled Trevor and he tuned him, but still the noise continued!



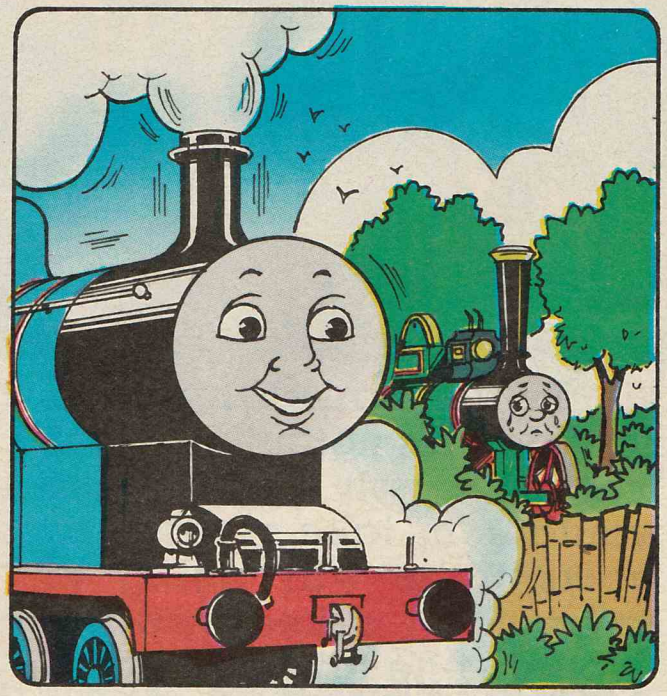
7. "Oh dear," sighed Jem. "I don't think I can fix this myself." "What are you going to do?" asked Trevor. "I'll take you to the works, first thing tomorrow," said Jem.



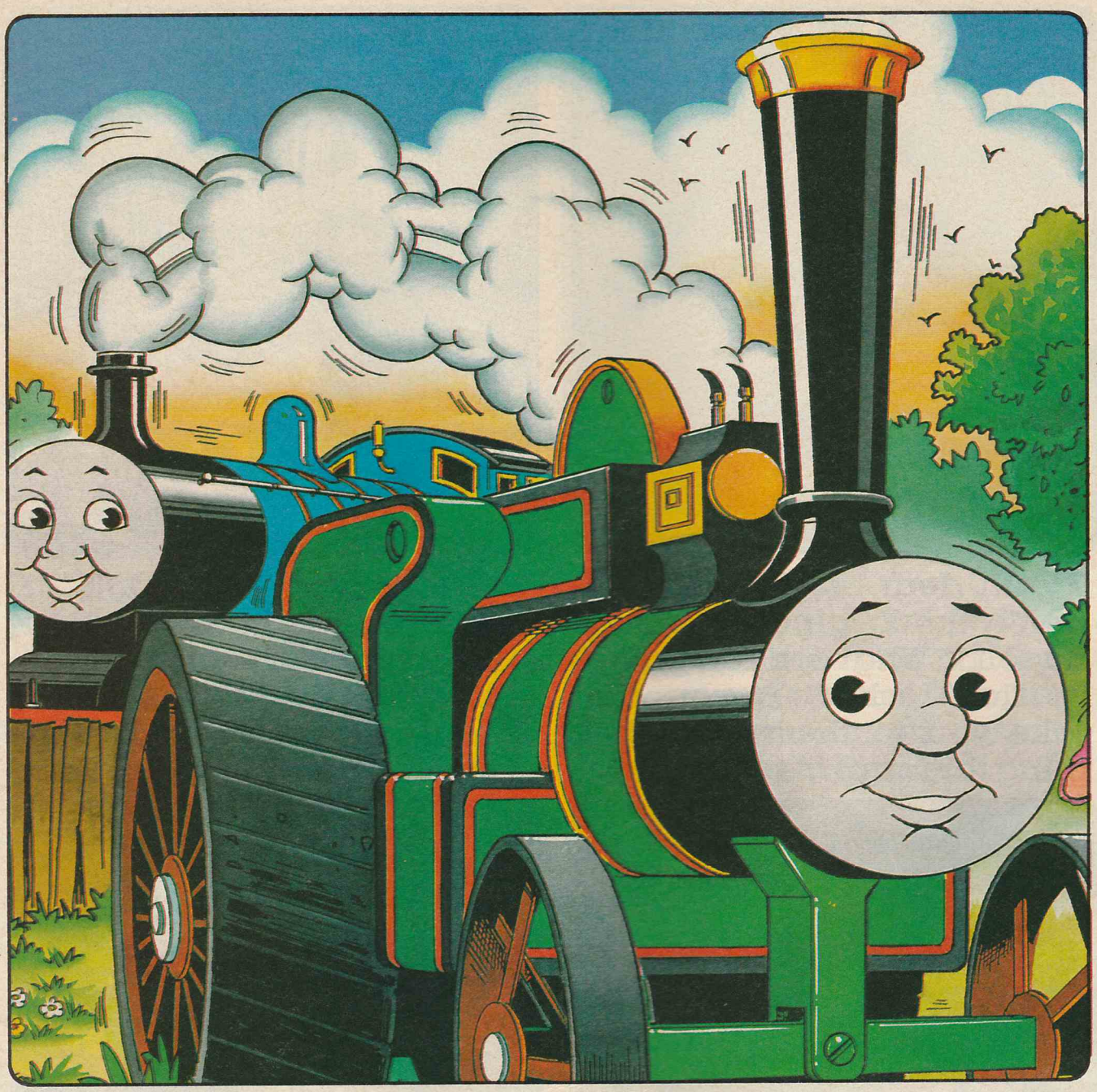
8. Trevor was very sad. That night he cried. "Why was I ever saved from scrap in the first place, if I am going to be sent away for scrap again? It's just not fair!"



9. "Pip pip! Hullo!" Trevor didn't even hear Edward's whistle. "Trevor? Are you there?" Trevor looked up. "Yes, I'm here." he sniffed. "But I won't be for long!"



10. "What do you mean?" asked Edward. "I'm going to be scrapped!" said Trevor, and he started to cry. "Jem is coming this morning to take me to the works!"



11. "To the works?" laughed Edward. "It's not funny," said Trevor crossly. "But why would Jem take you to the works if he was going to scrap you?" asked Edward. "Wouldn't he take you to the scrap yard?" "It's much the same thing, isn't it?" Trevor sniffed. "Don't be silly," said Edward. "They repair engines at the works!"

12. "Well, there was this 'clank clank'," said Trevor. "But Jem couldn't fix it." "That's it then," said Edward. "Don't you worry, Trevor. The men at the works will sort you out. They'll put you right in no time!" And that is just what they did. Jem took Trevor along to the works for a service and now he's running better than ever!

THE END

In our next issue: Lost!

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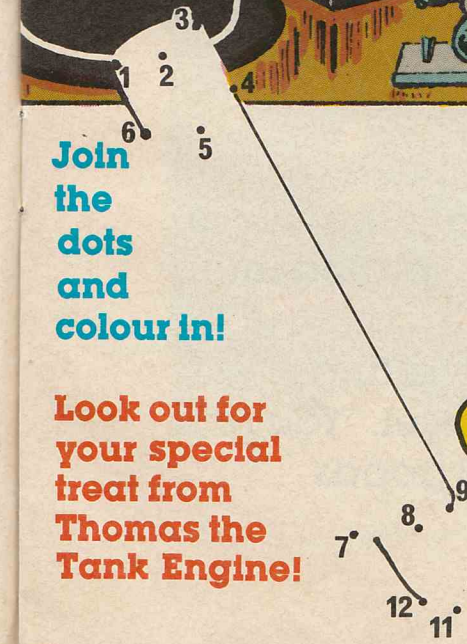

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A read-aloud story!

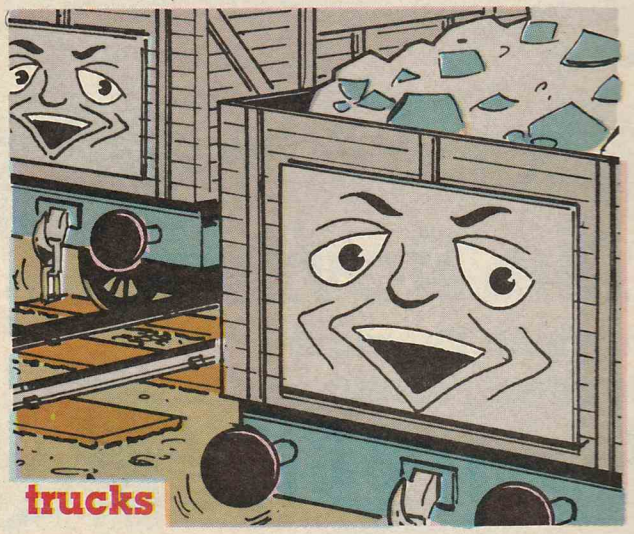
Percy and the Goods Train!

Percy was busy working in the harbour yard on the Island of Sodor. Percy is a small, green tank engine who enjoys his work, shunting trucks.

One day, the stationmaster came to meet Percy in the yard.

"Hello, Percy," he called. "I have a special job for you today. I need you to pull a goods train to the Main Station!"

Percy liked to pull long trains. He liked to be busy and useful.



trucks

"Where are you going?" asked Duck, as he saw Percy puffing across the yard.

"I'm going to pull a long goods train!" puffed Percy, proudly.

"I hope it won't be too heavy for a small tank engine like you," teased Duck.

"Ha," snorted Percy. "I may be small, but I am very strong!"

"Not as strong as a Great Western engine, like me," laughed Duck.

Percy was just being coupled up to the trucks when Diesel pulled into a siding.

"Why are you waiting here?" hissed Diesel. "You're too small to pull goods trains!"

"No I am not!" said Percy, crossly. "The stationmaster asked me specially! I may be small, but I am very strong!" And he steamed noisily away, pulling the trucks behind him nicely.

Diesel was very surprised. "I wonder what sort of goods are in those trucks," he huffed to Duck.

"Probably important goods!" replied Duck. "Perhaps Percy is delivering food for the shops or materials for the factories or even parts for repairing broken engines!"

Meanwhile, Percy had arrived at the Main Station and delivered his trucks into the yard. He was getting ready to return to the harbour when he saw the stationmaster walking by.

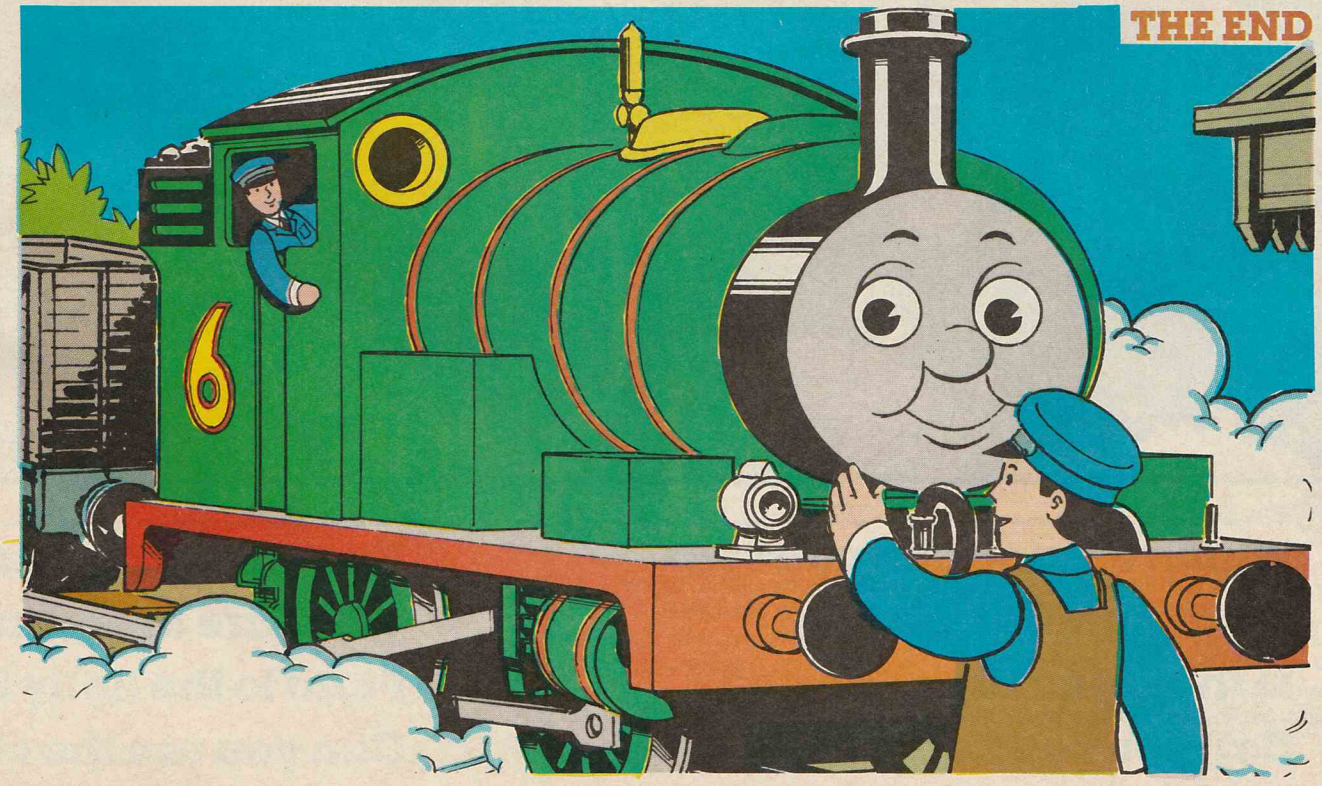
"Excuse me, stationmaster, sir," said Percy. "But could you tell me what goods were in those trucks I was pulling?"

"Goods! " laughed the stationmaster. "Those trucks were empty! We needed them here for the big engines to collect goods from the factories."

"Oh," sighed Percy, sadly, "they did come along rather easily."

"Just the job for a small engine," said the stationmaster, cheerily.

"Yes," replied Percy, feeling rather embarrassed. "Just the job!"



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Which engine can you see?

What number is he?

Is the signal up or down?

Can you see Bertie the Bus?

How many Christmas tree

What are the guards doin

Point to the holly bush.

Can you see the sledge?

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Note for parents

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Next issue: It's Christmas Day!

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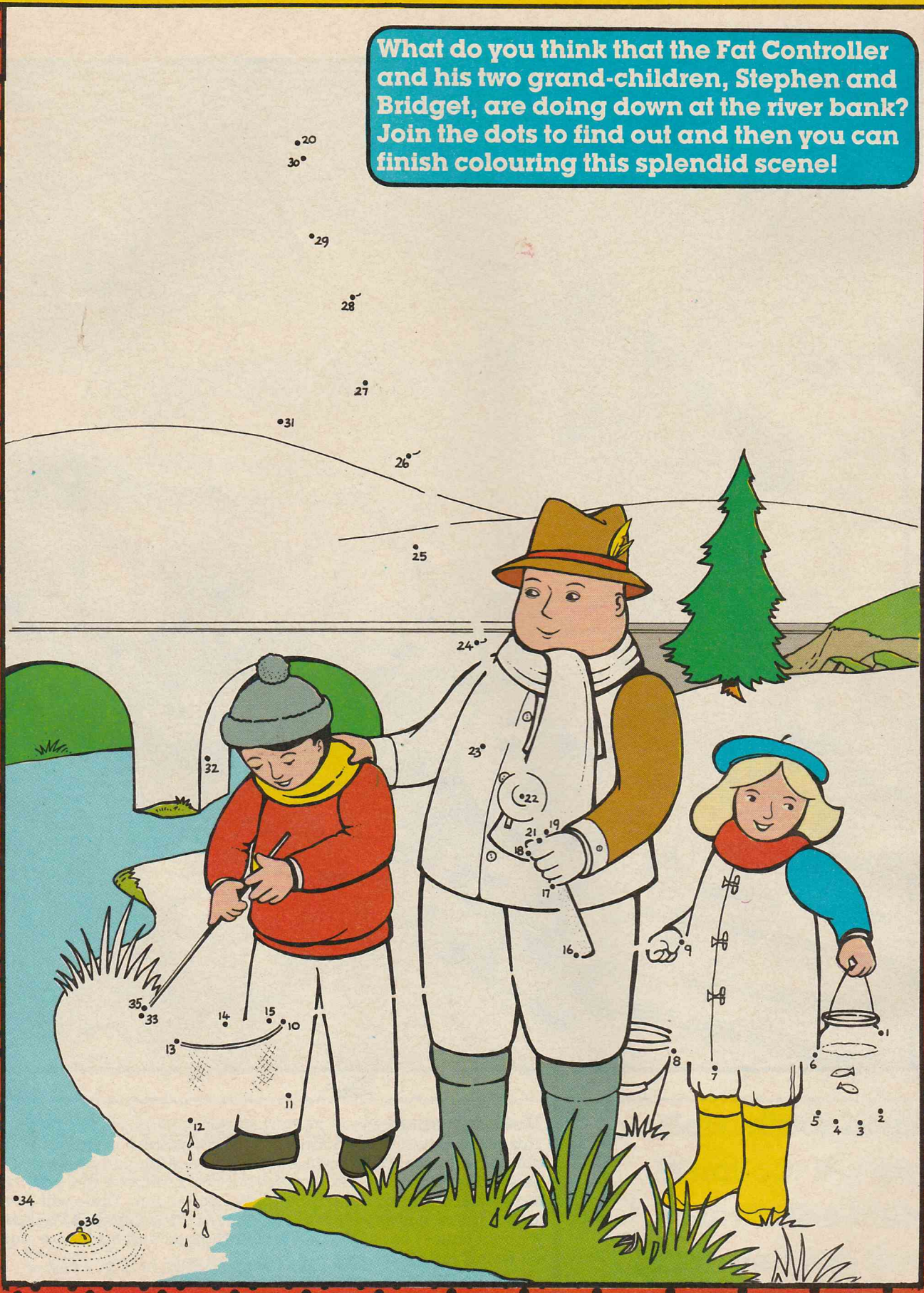
What do you think that the Fat Controller and his two grand-children, Stephen and Bridget, are doing down at the river bank? Join the dots to find out and then you can finish colouring this splendid scene!



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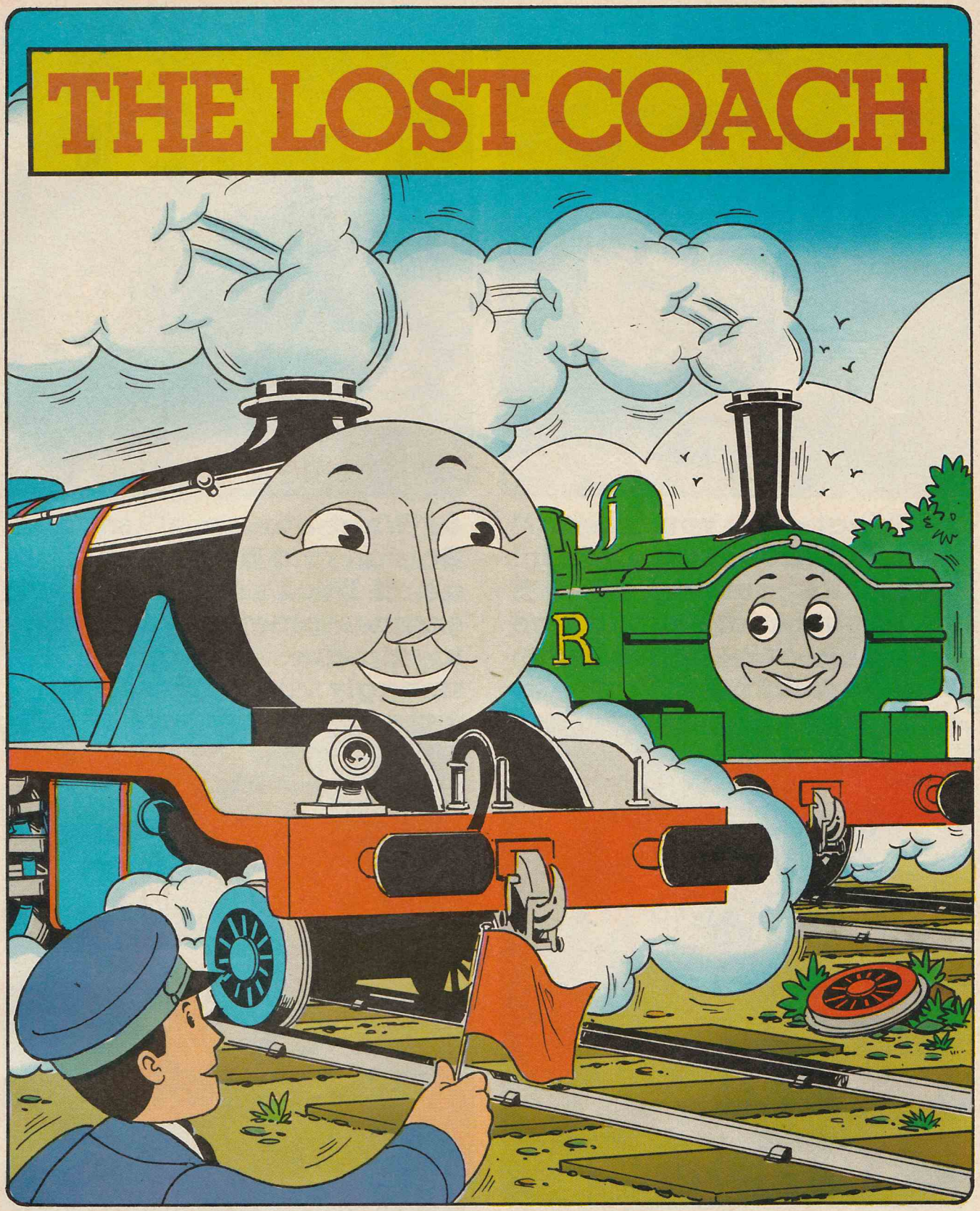
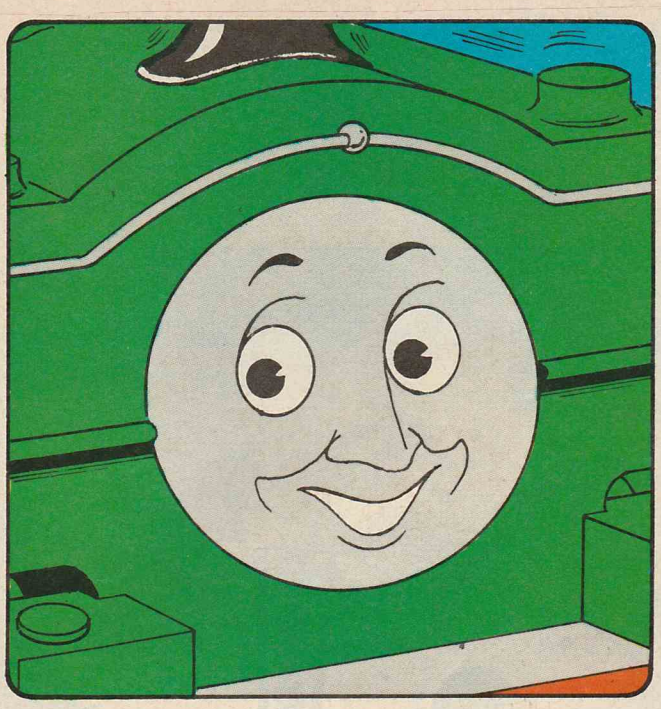
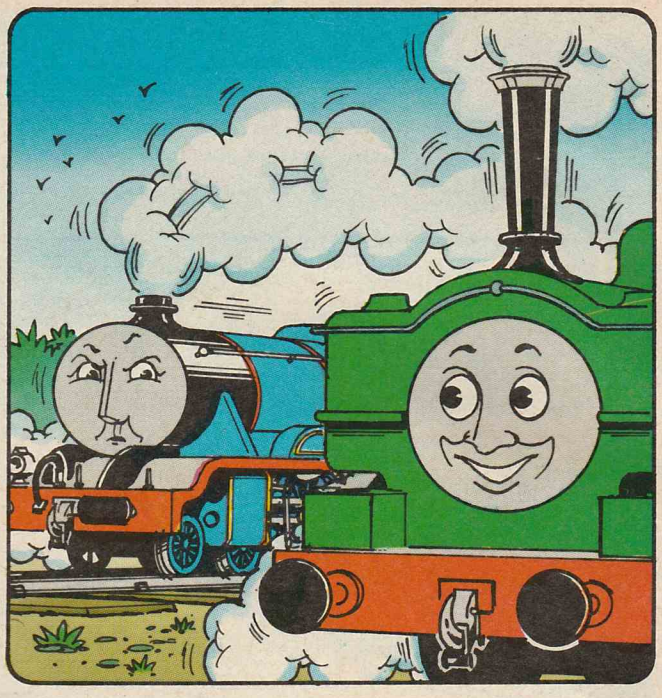


1. One sunny morning on the Island of Sodor, Gordon was waiting to pull the Express. "I am the finest engine on the Fat Controller's railway," he proudly boasted.

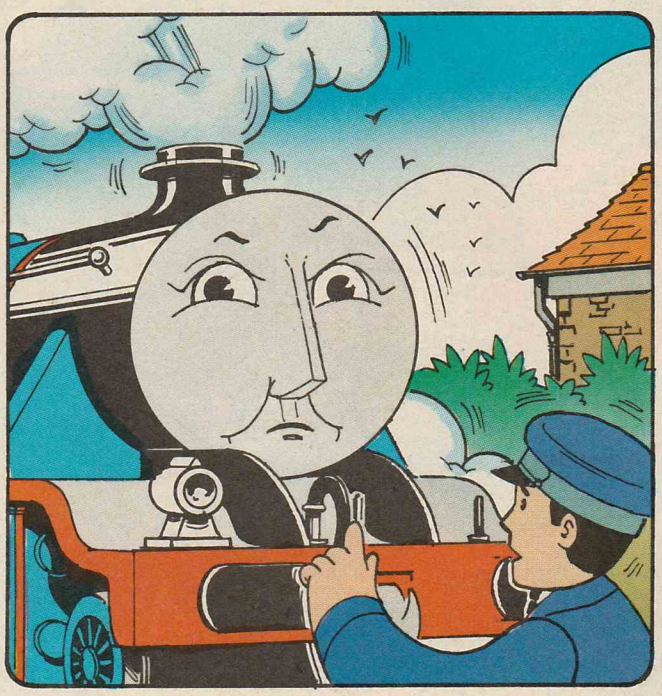
2. "I'm not so sure about that!" said Duck. "You may be the fastest engine on the railway, but you certainly aren't the Fat Controller's best looking engine!"



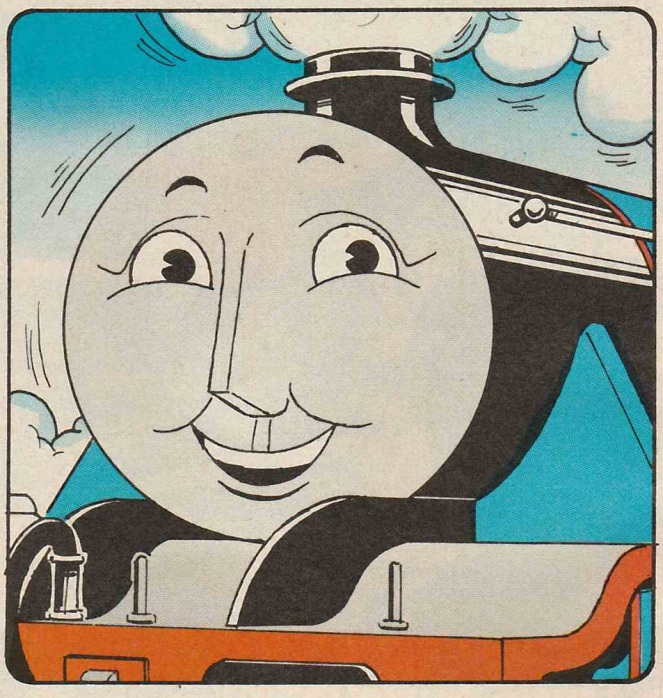
3. "What do you mean?" asked Gordon crossly. "Well," said Duck, smiling, "there's no engine more handsome than a Great Western engine. That's a well known fact."



4. "What nonsense!" snorted Gordon and he puffed off in a huff. Duck laughed. "Proud engines sometimes need taking down a valve or two," he smuggly said to himself.

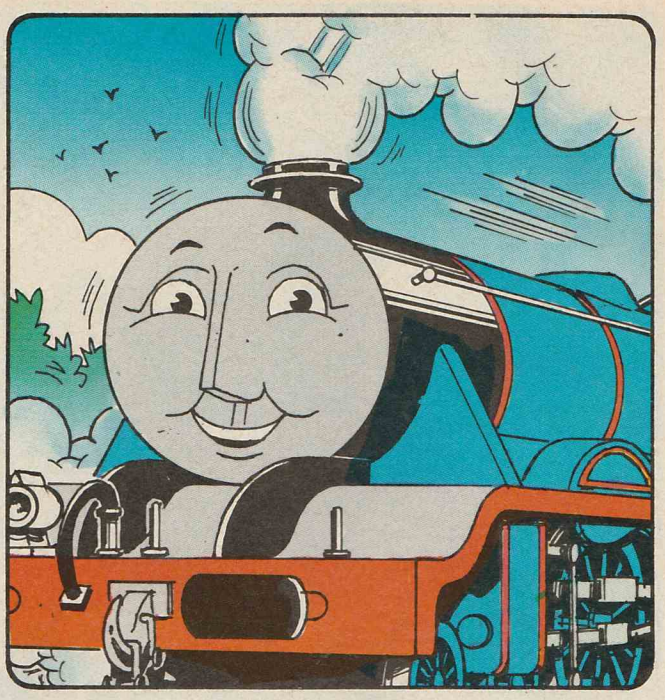


5. Gordon had just started to collect his coaches, when the engineer came over to see him. "We're having trouble with the couplings on your third coach," he explained.

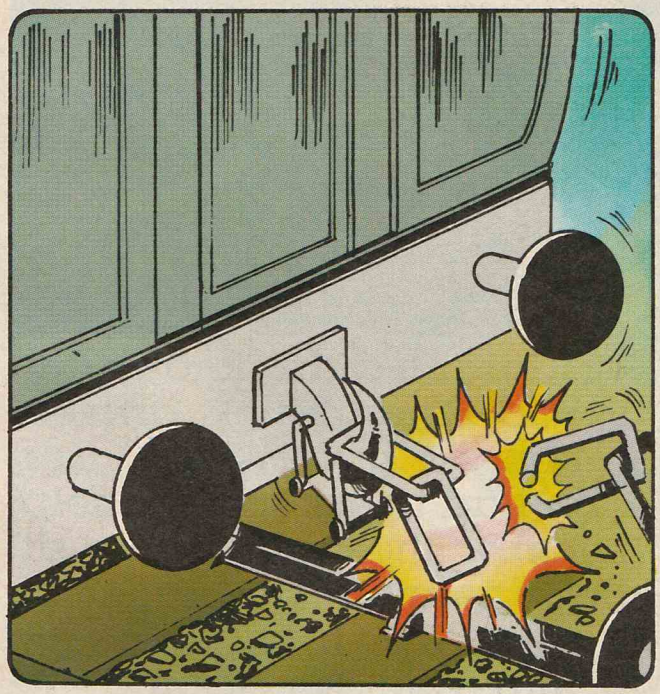


6. "Don't you worry," said Gordon. "I can handle it." "It's not really a question of handling, Gordon," said the engineer. "We have to be sure that it's safe."

7. The engineer inspected the coupling with the driver and the guard. "It seems to be working alright to me," said the driver. "Just be careful," said the engineer.



8. Gordon was soon steaming through the countryside. It didn't take long before he had forgotten all that the engineer had said. The coaches rattled behind.



9. As the coaches shook and rattled, they strained the faulty coupling. All of a sudden it came loose! The guard tried to warn Gordon, but Gordon couldn't hear!

10. Soon the coach was left far behind as Gordon carried on down the line. He didn't even notice it was gone when he turned around at the end of the line.

11. Gordon was returning along the opposite line, when he noticed something peculiar up ahead. There was a coach sitting all alone, it **did** look familiar. Then Gordon realised, it was **his** coach! The passengers were furious! "You left us behind!" they shouted. "How are we going to get to our stations now?"

12. Gordon didn't know what to do. Then Duck arrived, pulling a goods train. Gordon had to ask him for help. Luckily, the coach was sitting near a siding. Duck pulled his train into the siding and back onto the line in front of the coach. As Duck slowly reversed onto the coach the passengers cheered. Gordon felt silly!

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In our next issue: The sermon!

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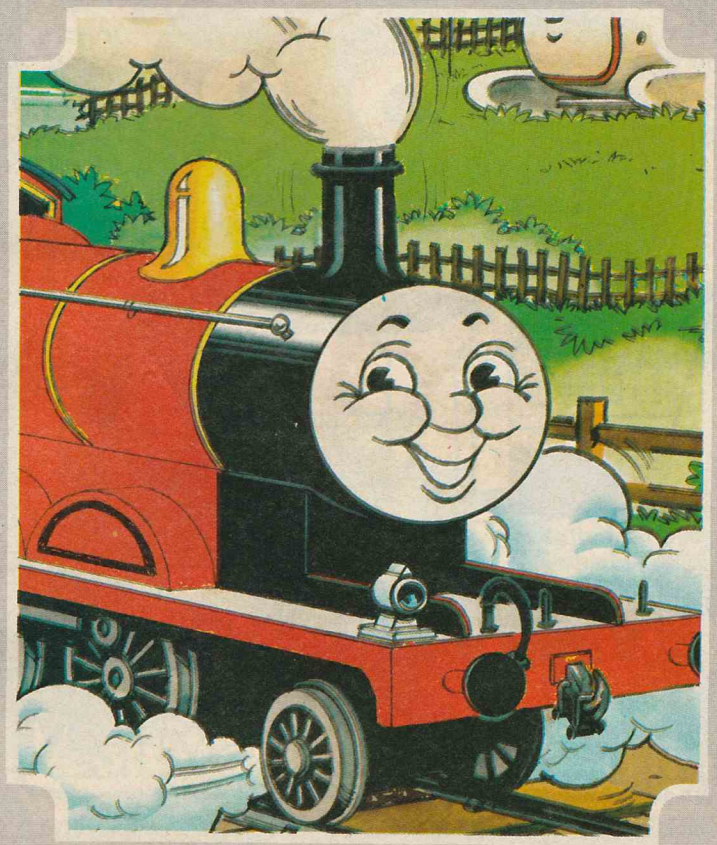

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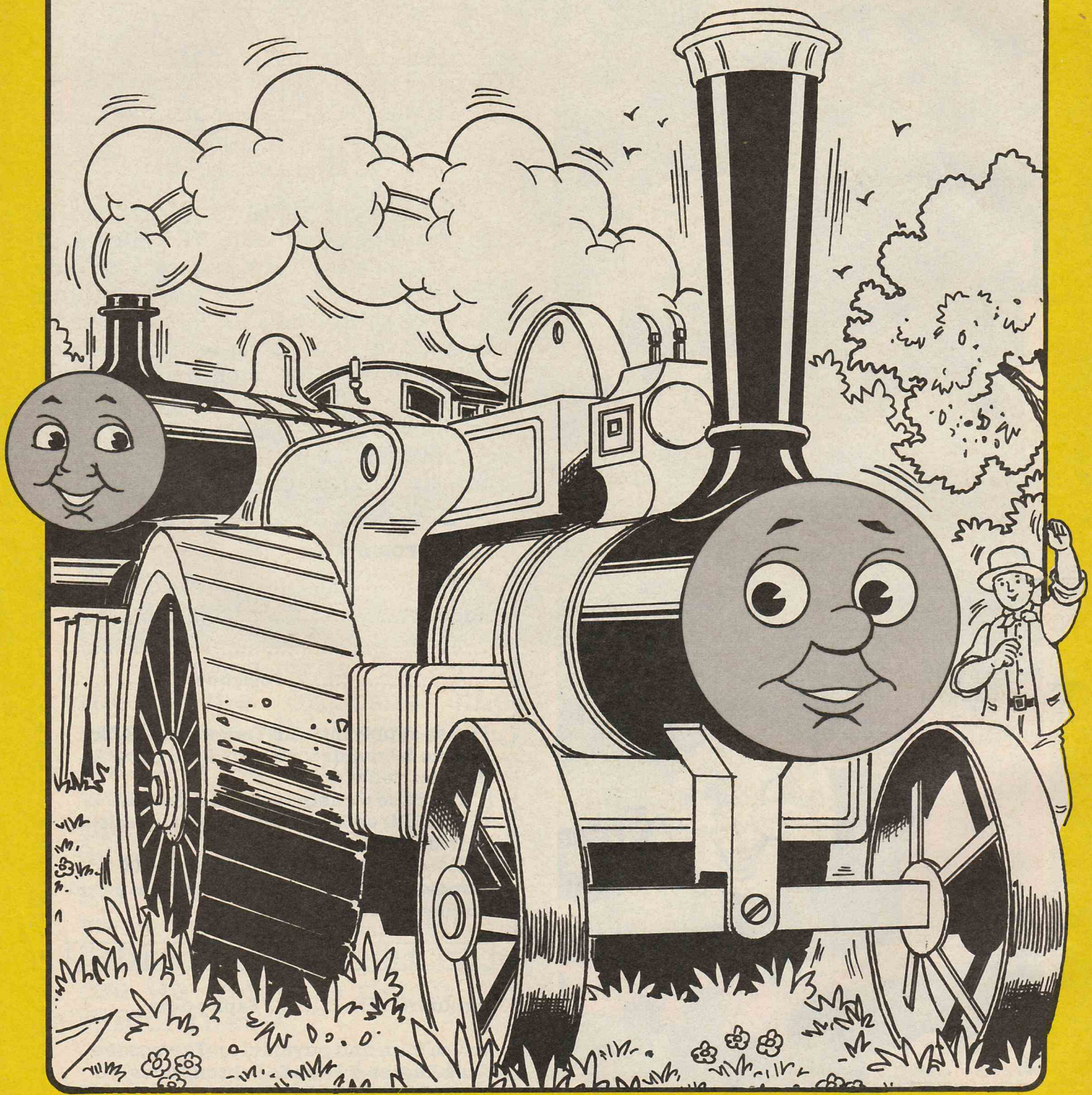

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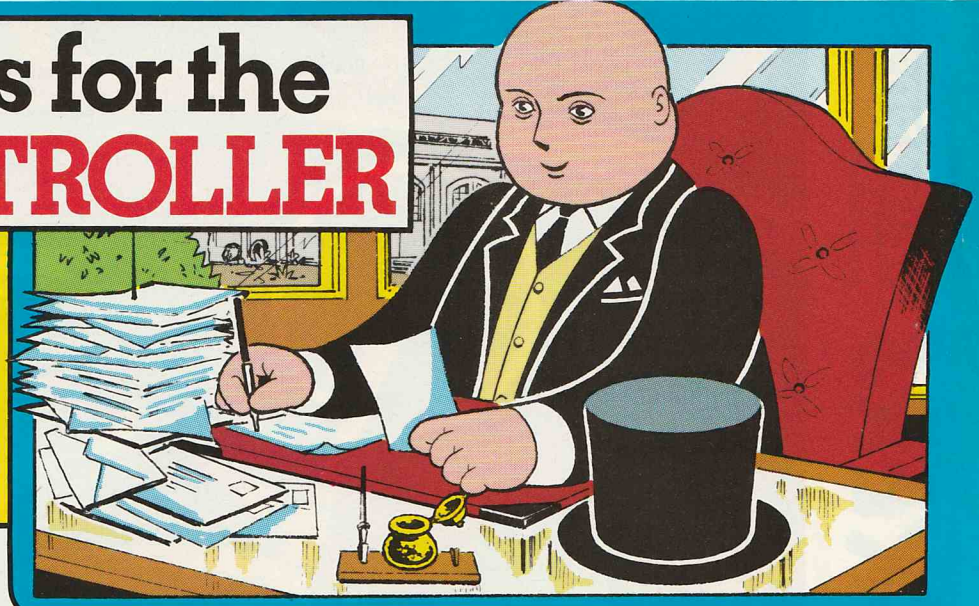

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
We had a lovely day out on the Keighley and Worth Valley railway! We rode on a steam train which was black like Douglas. And when we returned home we watched the film **The Railway Children**, which was on television!

Love from **Richard** (Member No. 22059).

Upon my soul! *What a splendid way to end such an exciting day!* ***The Railway Children*** *is one of my most favourite films, you know!*

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The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win a splendid **Thomas the Tank lunchbox and flask** – from *Bluebird Toys (UK) Ltd.*

HENRY LOOKALIKE!

Dear Fat Controller,
My Daddy took me to a railway station where we saw a big, green steam engine – it looked just like Henry! He made a very loud noise but I wasn't scared. It did make my Daddy jump, though!

Love from **Paul**, aged 5.

Upon my soul... *it must have been a very loud noise indeed, to have made your Daddy jump! I am rather pleased to hear that you weren't scared though – what a brave young fellow you are!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A special birthday greeting goes out to **Kirsty Emslie**, who is 20 years old!

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